

WEEK 1

GOD IS CREATOR GOD CREATED THE WORLD PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

KEY IDEAS

1. God existed before the world began.
2. God made everything in the world.
3. Everything God made is good and has value.

KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 1:1-10

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God created everything and everything He creates is good.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

amazed that God made everything out of nothing just by speaking.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

see everything that God created in the world as a gift from Him.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to know more about the God who has always existed and created everything.

INTRODUCTION

Everything that is and ever has been was created by God, and He created it all out of nothing! He simply spoke and the whole world was made. God created everything perfectly to show His glory to the world. Since God is the Creator of all things and gives life to all things, we find our purpose in Him!

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by asking the kids if they think they can create something using only their words. Tell them you are going to see if it's possible. Cover all windows in the classroom and turn off all the lights so it is dark. Instruct the kids to say "Let there be light!" and see what happens. Try it a few times and when they see that the lights don't come on, explain that only God can create something using only words and that's exactly how He created the whole world! Introduce the creation board and explain you'll add to it as we learn each day.

STORY

Read Genesis 1:1-10.

In the very beginning, there was only God. God was never created but has always existed. The Bible says the world was without form, meaning it was just dark and empty. There was nothing in the world at all until God spoke, not even light! There is nothing that exists that did not come from God. All of creation is His work and shows us His glory! Everything God makes is good and perfect, and He gives everything its purpose and value. God chose to create the whole world in six days and on the seventh day, He rested from all He had made, showing us that rest is good, too. The world today is not the same as God created it because of our sin, but He has promised us in His Word, the Bible, that one day He will restore the whole world as it should be!

ACTIVITY

Ask the kids to work together to build something with blocks in 1 minute. Once they have built their masterpiece, ask them to do it again, but this time without the blocks. Once they realize they can't do that, explain that only God can create something out of nothing. Anything that we build or create is from things that God gave to us.

PRAYER

Thank God that He created the whole world and that everything He creates is good. Ask God to help us appreciate all that He has made.

SONG Days of Creation to the tune of Frere-Jacques

"God created (x2) day and night (x2), that was on the 1st day (x2) and it was good (x2)."

Repeat each day:

Sky and clouds (2nd day), land and plants (3rd day), sun and stars (4th day), fish and birds (5th day), man and beast (6th day)

Finish with:

"Then He rested (x2) from His work (x2), that was on the 7th day (x2) and it was good (x2)."

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Isaiah 40:28, Romans 4:17, Psalm 90:2, Hebrews 11:3

ACTIVITY

Go on a nature trail/ backyard scavenger hunt. Work with your child through the picture list provided in your take home packet. As they find each item, remind them that God created it and everything God creates is good.

DISCUSSION

- Since everything exists because of God, how should we interact with Him?
Just as we show respect to our parents, we should have even more respect for God, the Creator of the world.
- How should we treat God's creation?
We should take care of the things in the world that God has created because He said they are good and that gives the value.

PRAYER

Thank God for all that He has made. Ask God to help you love and respect all of His creation.

Can You Find Them All?

How is each created thing unique?



Flower



Grass



Leaf



Bird



Tree



Acorn